the hands of a portrait painter, and now becomes the subject of a sculptor. Mr. Ford Leimer, an artist at Washngton, is to make a bust in bronze of sident McKinley.

Ar the semi-annual meeting of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., in New York city, on the 17th, a dividend of one per cent was declared, payable mber 1. The treasurer reported \$1,227,470 available cash on hand.

SPECIAL dispatches received from Paris and elsewhere, on the 17th, reported that heavy rains and floods prevailed in the south of France, and that all railroad communication between Spain and France had been cut off.

THE state department has finally refused the application of the Mexican government for the surrender, under extradition proceedings, of Jesus Guerra, who was one of Garza's lieutenants in his attempted revolution some years

It is estimated that about 1,800 persons living in and around St. Petersburg were rendered homeless by the rising of the waters of the Neva, on the 16th, and the flooding of the canals, the suburban islands and the outlying portions of the city.

The Japanese government has de manded the sum of \$200,000 in gold from Hawaii, by way of indemnity in connection with the immigration affairs. The sum includes losses suffered by the immigrants to whom admission was denied.

CONSUL GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE and Walter B. Barker, United States consul at Sagua la Grande, arrived at Havana, on the 14th, on the steamer Seguranca. They were welcomed by the consular officers of that city and a large company of friends.

THE yellow fever having been ended by the recent cold wave and quarantines raised generally the Southern railway announced the resumption of through Pullman service between New York and New Orleans, via Atlanta, Montgomery and Mobile, beginning on

Ex-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND authorizes the following: "The number and heart- the production of opium in this couniness of the congratulations we have received at the birth of our son are so gratefully appreciated that I wish you of their kindness."

On the 15th workmen began tearing down the many additions to Independence hall in Philadelphia that have been built from time to time. and which marred the simplicity of the historic structure, it being the intention to restore the building to as near the original design as possible.

A GERMAN force has landed at Kis Chus bay, China, to demand satisfaction for the murder of the Rhenish missionaries near Yen Chu Fu and the mobbing of the German minister to China and the captain of the gunboat Cormorant, the latter incident having occurred on November 6 at Wu-Chang.

AT Toledo, O., on the 15th, Tax Inquisitor McFarland began an action against the Woolson Spice Co., filing a citation with the county auditor in behalf of the county, to recover taxes on between \$800,000 and \$900,000 in credits and cash which has not been listed for taxation. The taxes will amount to between \$90,000 and \$150,000.

GEN SAUSSIER, the military governor of Paris, has appointed Gen. Pollieux to inquire into the charges brought against Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, former major of French infantry, who has been charged by Mathieu Dreyfus with the crime for which Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, Mathieu's brother, is now undergoing a sentence of imprisonment

CONSUL MACBRIDE, at Edinburgh, says in a report to the state department, that it is claimed there that American frozen beef has a great sale in that city, but that it is made clandestinely, large quantities of that article being taken to Edinburgh and sold to the butchers at seven cents a pound, and retailed at 20 to 22 cents as home-fed beef.

THE monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue, issued on the 17th, showed that the total receipts from all sources for the month of on the 16th. Average spot Java de-October last aggregated \$14,036,53t, an clined 914 cents, an unprecedented increase over October, 1896, of \$761,323. For the four months of the present fiscal year the total receipts exceeded those of the corresponding period in 1896 by \$6,759,069.

COL. JOHN JAMESON, general superintendent of the United States railway mail service under President Arthur, died at his home in Brooklyn on the 15th. Col. Jameson was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1841. During the civil war he served in the First Wisconsin artillery. Upon leaving the army he entered the postal service, and rose to be chief of the railway

JOSEPH A. IASIGI, formerly Turkish New York last summer charged with exclement of large sums from trust funda held by him, and who was recently found guilty in the Suffolk county (Mass.) superior court, was, on the 16th, sentenced to serve a term of not more than 18 nor less than 14 years in state's prison, with one day solitary confinement and the rest of the term at hard labor.

THE Behring sea meeting in Washington, in which representatives of
Great Britain, Canada and the United

On the 17th, W. H. Clements and Riley
Wallace, while at work at the sheds of
the St. Louis Cotton Compress Co.,
rived at San Francisco, on the 18th, er participated, came to a close, on s report concerning the condistance of the seal herds, and the diplo- timber, a distance of 30 feet, and both natic representatives of the respective a reaching an understando effect that adjustment not only of he district commissioner of the general land office, its resigned, and, on the little policy controventee.

sistant commissioner of the general land office, its resigned, and, on the little was appointed assistant attorney general for the interior department.

ry of Important Events. SONAL AND GENERAL

Int the Palisades of the Hudson from being used by unscrupulous quarrymen. THE report of the governor general of Madagascar on the trade of the island for 1896, shows that American im-The president has just come out of ports amounted to 2,486,000 france, compared with 5.749,000 for England

and 3 280,000 for France. AT St. Joseph, Mo., on the 15th, Albet Kneeland, who has 13 living wives, was sentenced to three years and six mouths in the penitentiary. This is his hird term for the same offense.

On the 15th the United States supreme court took a recess until the

ALL the departments of the British Hosiery Co., at Thornton, R. I., with the exception of the spinning department, were shut down, on the 15th. and 425 operatives were thrown out of work. Some time ago the knitters, to vance of 20 per cent. in wages. Treasarer Cooper says he had learned that were supporting those on strike, hence his action in shutting down the de-

partment. ALBERT OLIVER WILCOX, a wellknown abolitionist and advocate of woman suffrage and temperance, died at Saratoga, N. Y., on the 15th, aged 87.

THE president shook hands, on the 5th, with a very large number of peo ple at the public reception in the East coom of the White House. At the close of the reception Gen. Longstreet vears old.

HON. JOHN M. LANGSTON, of Virginia, ex-congressman, ex-minister to Hayti, preacher, lawyer and politician, and one of the most prominent colored men in the country, who was born a slave in 1829, died in Washington, on the 15th, aged 68.

PRESIDENT PIEROLA of Peru, who had been suffering from fever, was able to leave his bed, on the 15th, and was much improved.

THE official vote in Ohio for governor at the state election is thus recorded: Bushnell (rep.), 429,816; Chapman (dem.), 401,715; Holliday (pop.), 7,558; Coxey (people's party), 6,254; Dexter (nat. dem.), 1.661; Watkins (socialist labor), 4,242; Lewis (Negro protective), 476; liberty, 3,107. Bushnell's plurality, 28,101.

ACCORDING to Secretary Wilson's annual report, the United States government soon will be in the business of distributing poppy seeds to encourage try. Last year the imports of the drug amounted to \$38,000,000.

THE American colony in Paris has would convey our thanks to all the lost its most famous character in Dr. Thomas W. Evans, who died suddenly at his residence there on the night of the 14th. He never recovered from the his wife.

In the audit of accounts following Gen. Weyler's departure from Cuba, the thorough nature of his corrupt administration has come to light, though the authorities are strenuously trying to keep defalcation in various departments secret. \*

A MILWAUKEE dispatch says that John B. Ketcham and Minnie Willace Walkup were married in that city by Rev. Mr. Roberts on September 24 last. Ketcham is the man who died suddenly in Chicago a few days since, a re-

puted grass widower. On the 16th Secretary Alger issued an order for the retirement of Lieut-Col. W. E. Waters, deputy general, under the 30 years' service act.

savings bank of Lansing, Mich., on the THE storehouse of the C. A. Woolsey paint and color works in Jersey City collapsed on the 15th. Twenty-five people who had been employed in the structure had sufficient warning by the swaying and sagging of the walls to enable them to escape, and no one was hurt. The loss to the company

will be about \$20,000. A DISPATCH from St. Petersburg, on the 16th, said: "All day long a fierce wind from the sea has driven the waters of the Neva up the stream and flooded the canals, the suburban islands and outlying portions of the city. Several bridges have been sweptaway, and the flood continues to rise, threat-

ening to assume grave proportions." SENOR RAMOS and a delegation of Mexicans interested in the manufacture of paper near the city of Mexico, inspected the big paper mills at Glens Falls, N. Y., on the 16th, with a view of introducing improved American machinery in their own mills.

THERE was considerable excitement in the coffee market in Amsterdam, fall. This is ascribed to large receipts and heavy crops, especially in Brazil. PRESIDENT FETTERLOF of Girard college, Philadelphia, has issued an edict against football, and henceforth the students of the institution must keep off the gridiron. The ban on football was the result of a boy's leg being broken in a practice game.

MISS JESSIE IRENE PEET, pretty and with a fortune of \$150,000, and Alfred Herrimen, who was formerly the famthe estate of the bride's father, now deceased, were married at Millertown. N. Y., on the 16th.

AN immense deposit of strontain has been discovered in Put-in-Bay island. Lake Erie, and 60 tons were recently shipped cast. The stratum of strontain is many acres in extent and of the finest quality. It is largely used in the avowed purpose of killing Mr. Armour. manufacture of fireworks.

THE president has delegated Hon. John W. Foster to act as a special plenipotentiary of the United States to conduct negotiations for the settle- \$10,000,000. The bulk of the money ment of all questions pending between will go to endow educational institu-

which were wrecked by the tornado route to their home in Dakota. last year, and are now being rebuilt. fell, by the giving away of a rotten notified Col. Charles Page Bryan of his

were fatally injured. JUDGE EMORY F. BEST, of Georgia, assistant commissioner of the general

Tax final act on the part of this government in the ratification of the treaty adopted by the recent Universal Postal congress was taken, on the 16th, when President McKinley signed the formal convention or treaty, and Secretary of State Sherman had the government seal affixed. The treaty takes effect

January 1, 1899. THE arrest of 28 Crotians in Bolivar county, Miss., by an agent of the immigration bureau is only the beginning of active enforcement of the alien con-

spite the utmost vigor, extensive operations in the east, where the Cubans are very strong, will be impossible for some weeks.

THE first payment to the government on account of the Union Pacific railroad purchase, will be made on the 22d, and will amount to \$13,500,000.

A DISPATCH from Montreal, Can., on the 17th, said: "The story telegraphed from Quebec of a terrible landslide on the Duchene river and the loss of 40 the number of 50, struck for an ad- lives turns out to be untrue. A French daily published the story and added details of the disaster, but investigathe operatives who remained at work tion proves that the whole story is a fake.

ALFRED ORDWAY, the portrait painter, died in Melrose, Mass., on the 17th, aged 78 years. He was one of the founders of the Boston Art club, and was its first secretary and treasurer, subsequently being the club's presi-

dent. According to reports from Jaruco Cuba, 25 to 30 reconcentrados die there daily from famine. The whole garrison is sick at Manzanillo. Col. Escarpresented Alexander Montgomery, of do, who escorted provision wagons to Georgia, a venerable colored man 101 Guamana, found the garrison there suffering severely of fever and lack of food. One officer and 20 soldiers had died of starvation.

THE report that the black plague had broken out in Shanghai proves to have been unfounded. The rumor evidently originated from the fact that in order to prevent the introduction of rinderpest the authorities at Nagasaki, Japan, carefully inspected all steamers carrying cattle.

In his present frame of mind the president will give congress, through his message, a detailed statement of what has taken place in the way of negotiations between Spain and this country, but will not send in the official correspondence at once.

Ir was discovered, on the 17th, that there are \$11,000 more of general fund warrants of the city of Des Moines, Ia., in circulation than are evidenced by the books of the city auditor. The matter was laid before the council in a secret

GEN. QUINTIN BANDERAS, whom Gen. Gomez last September ordered to be court-martialed for disobedience of a special instruction as to military procedure, has been arrested by order of the Cuban commander-in-chief on charge of immorality.

THE president has granted a full parshock caused by the recent death of don to S. M. Folsom, the Albuquerque (N. M.) banker, sent up for five years for publishing false statements of his bank's condition. Depositors have since been paid in full.

MRS. CAREW, who was convicted about a year ago of the murder of her husband in Yokohama, Japan, and whose sentence of death was commuted to imprisonment for life, has been sent to England. She will be confined in Woking prison.

AT Bear Creek, Mich., Edward Vancy, blacksmith, aged 25, shot his sweetheart, Nellie Skitman, aged 19, and her brother, Albert, aged 25, on the night of the 17th. Vancy's jealousy caused the tragedy. His victims are mortally wounded and he is in jail.

SAMUTADING THE, arrested at Mor WARRANTS were issued for the ar-rest of officers of the defunct People's car wall A has been identified ag which robbed the Bradley of Eldon, Ia., of \$8,000 last February. Ritchie was captured at the time, but escaped from the Wappello county jail, after having been indicted.

## LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE sectet service bureau announced, on the 18th, the discovery of a new counterfeil ten dollar silver certificate and also a counterfeit national bank note. The silver certificate is a photophie production printed on two pieces of paper pasted together. The note is badly printed and the lathe work is blurred and indistinct, and is on the First national, of Joplin, Mo .. series 1882.

Ar a meeting of the Spanish cabinet, on the 18th, a letter from the United States minister, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, was read, expressing the satisfaction of the United States government relative to the settlement of the Competitor case and other current questions. The communication created a good impression in Spanish polit-

THE Peruvian minister, Dr. Eguigeran, was among Secretary Sherman's callers on the 18th. He called to talk over the last demand of our government for a settlement of the McCord claim, and in return, proposed to arbitrate the case. This proposition was not acceptable to our government and the negotiations were continued.

THE secretary of the treasury, on the 5th, issued a circular to employes to the effect that clerks receiving a stated salary who neglect to pay their debts contracted for the necessary support ily coachman, but latterly manager of of themselves and their families, without presenting satisfactory reasons

therefor, will not be retained in office. Two policemen have been detailed to guard the residence of P. D. Armour, f Chicago, because of a rumor from Minneapolis, Minn., that a speculator who lost money in wheat had gone insane, and had left that city with the It is understood in Paris that the late Dr. Evans' estate is even greater than at first stated, and will probably

be valued at nearer \$15,000,000 than

tions in the United States. D. W. MARATTA, just retired from

THE state department, on the 18th, appointment as minister to China, and

that he was expected to go to Washington immediately to qualify. THE British admiralty court on the 18th, awarded the British steamer Victoria £4,250 for salving the British steamer Velleda in March last

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Condition of Missouri Banks. Secretary of State Lesueur has com leted the tabulation of the financial tatements of Missouri state banks, made October 4. Statements were made by 489 incorporated and 85 private anks. The tabulation is as follows:

RESOURCES. 64,953,249 41 soounts understand tract labor law against the imported stave cutters and lumber workers in southern camps.

Gen. Blanco has sent a report to Madrid as to the condition of affairs in Cuba, in which he indicates that, despite the utmost vices action of the laboratory of the laborator 2,261,800 ralue...
Furniture and fixtures...
Due from other banks, good on sight draft...
Checks and other cash items...
National bank notes, legal tender U. S. notes and gold and silver certificates...
Gold coin.

Gold coin.
Silver coin, including pennies...
All other resources.... 588,593 5 90,290 3 LIABILITIES.

by individuals and others.... Deposit subject to draft at given dates.... Bills payable and bills rediscounted Dividends unpaid... Liabilities other than those above 16,475,905 83 688,791 87 20,359 83

Murdered His Helpiess Child. William Carr, who threw his child nto the Missouri river and confessed to doing the deed, was sentenced at

be hanged December 17. The judge in

sentencing him said: \* \* Your confession, admissions and the evidences show you are guilty beyond doubt \* \* Belle was a little three-year old girlyour own child. Her mother was dead, and you had another wife. \* \* Your flimsy excuse that the child was quarrelsome and disagreeable to your wife's nine-year-old son can not be accepted by the court. The mo-tive must have been a more powerful one, and if another may have had any hand in this crime, and you, in your hours of continement and solitary meditation, find nothing to soften your hard heart and disclose the truth, then you are simply not human. Men and women commit many frimes and for many motives. You assign no crimes, and for many motives. You assign no motive that is worthy of consideration. If your confession and other statements are to lieved, you stand a singular instance in the anpals of crime-a confessed and constituted murderer without a reasonable motive for the

To Join Garrett's Free-Love Colony. Says a dispatch sent from Sedalia

few days ago: Fifteen families have left Jayville, Benton county, in wagons, to join "Rev." L. S. Garrett the free-love advocate, who has located "heaven" at Willow Springs, Howard county Last summer "Rev." Garrett established free-love community at Jayville and built a two-story building, in the first floor of which was the church, while in the sec ond story was the office of the World's Creset the organ of his peculiar doctrines. The conduct of Garrett and the female members of the community at Jayville became so obnoxious that one night in August last 200 or 300 men visited the World's Creset office and threw the "Rev." Garrett were visited, but he escaped by

Married Thirteen Times.

Albert Kneeland pleaded guilty to he charge of bigamy in the criminal court at St. Joseph, and was given 314 years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Orma Kneeland, of Chicago, the only le gal wife of the polygamist, was in the court room when Kneeland was sentenced. She did not speak to him, and he glanced at her only once. One of his numerous mother-in-laws was there, the one who lives in St. Joseph. Kneeland married Mrs. Hattie Moon, of St. Joseph, April 26, 1896. He represented to Mrs. Moon and her daughter that he had been divorced from his former wife. He did not tell them he had a dozen more in different parts of the coun-

Missouri a Great Fruit State. Says an item sent from Sedalia a few days ago:

A. P. Crowell, a carpenter, has in his yard a car tree that has produced the second crop of fruit this season, but only a small portion of it has reached the normal size. He also has an apple tree in full bloom, after having produced a crop at the usual time. Frank A Sampson, who lives at Tenth and Ohio streets, has in his supply of peaches in season, and are again in full bloom.

Central Missouri Cattle for England. Ninety car-loads of cattle will be shipped from Boone county in December for England. This will be the largest and finest bunch of cattle ever shipped from central Missouri.

Couldn't Convict Him. Geo. Davis, colored, saloon-keeper, who shot and killed Hayden Vaughn, at Sedalia, has been discharged, because the evidence was not sufficient to convict.

He Followed Little Girls. A St. Louis judge fined a negro \$500 for following little girls. This will keep him in the workhouse one year, and the St. Louis workhouse is a "ter-

Decided He Had a Right to Swear. A St. Louis justice decided that a man has a right to swear in his own home, and discharged a man who was arrested on complaint of a neighbor.

Found Dead in Bed. J. G. Humbard, of Barnard, aged 65, prominent citizen of Nodaway county, was found dead in bed. Death was probably due to heart disease.

Hanged Herself to a Bed-Post. Mrs. Ed Summers, of Price's Branch Montgomery county, committed suicide by hanging to a bed-post. She had been demented for some time.

Carl G. Schraubstadter. Carl G. Schraubstadter, type founder, well known to every publisher and printer in the Mississippi valley, died in St. Louis recently.

A New Departure. . The county court of Monroe county has ordered a primary election for the purpese of letting the people choose heir road overseers.

Commissioner for Western Missouri. Douglas Wright, of Nevada, has been appointed United States commissioner for the western district of Missouri by Judge Phillips. Mrs. Amanda Burekhartt.

Mrs. Amanda Burckhartt, aged 69, widow of Hon. George H. Burckhartt, died at Huntsville, Randolph county, a Result of a Bevival. Thirty-six accessions to the Park Methodist church, at Hannibal, have

just closed. Can Talk With Many Towns. Nevada has connection with the long. distance telephone system. People in that town can talk with people in 28 WENT OVER THE BANK

Wreck on the Kansas City, For Scott & Memphis.

One Coach Went Into Spring River and Two Others Were Burned - One Person Fatally and Twenty-Two More or Less Hurt.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 19 .- Train No. 2 on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad, which left Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday evening for Kansas City, was derailed just west of Williford, Ark., at 3 a. m. The combination coach, chair car and alseper went over the bank, the combination car going into Spring river. The chair car and sleeper were both consumed.

One passenger was fatally injured and 23 others more or less seriously hurt. The list of the injured are as follows:

FATALLY INJURED. J. L. Hoover, Pleasant Hill, Mo. MORE OR LESS SERIOUSLY INJURED. Leo Pollock, Little Rock, Ark. Clarence Murphy, Atwood, Ind. J. R. Morris, Bakerstield, Mo. C. A. Ravenstine, wife and baby, A

wood, Ind. C. L. Meriwether, Sulphur Rock Arle. Ed Webb, Fern Nook, Mo.

J. J. Altscheel, Little Rock, Ark. W. J. Grant. Salem, Ark.; bruised and cut about head. M. T. Price, Beall, Ark.; injured

about head. W. H. Stahal, Corinth, Miss.; injured about head and hand. Liberty, by Judge E. J. Broaddus, to W. H. Boatner, Leeton, Mo.; injured

> about head. M. C. Hogan, Oakland, Ark.; injured about head. Wesley Ivins, Atwood, Ind.; injured about head.

> Mrs. A. D. Perkins, Hiram Ark.; ex tent of injuries not known. R. S. Guy, Monterey, Ind.; arms hurt.

Mrs. Prince, going to Fort Smith; extent of injuries not known; her son, a boy, hurt about face and arms. M. Bailey, Fair Play, Mo.; foot injured.

W. J. Shesabel, Vidette, Ark.; head inj ured. Mrs. Arnette, Mammoth Springs

Ark.: back sprained. No. 2 is a fast through train from the south. Between Williford and Hardy, the Memphis tracks parallel the Spring river, a little stream running out of Mammoth Springs. The train was composed of engine, mail and express car, baggage car, combination coach, chair car and sleeper. The combination car has a partition in the middle, one end being used as a smoker, and the

other end for colored passengers. When near Williford the engineer felt the train leap forward, and found that it had parted between the two day coaches. The last three cars bumped turning over on their side, and the combination car finally going into the river. The most intense confusion prevailed. The engineer backed up the front part of the train, and the work of rescue was immediately begun.

The terror of the passengers who had gone down into the stream with the combination car were soon heightened by cries of alarm from the chair car and sleeper, both of which soon took fire. The intense darkness added to the confusion, and it was some time before an organized effort at rescue was put into effect by the train crew and those of the passengers who had been able to extriente themselves without aid. The passengers in the burning cars were luckily rescred before the fire had reached its height, and but few in those cars were injured.

It soon became apparent that the chair car and sleeper could not be saved, and all efforts were put forth to aid the unfortunate passengers of the combination car in the stream. Screams and cries for help were heard on all sides, and because of the darkness rescue was difficult.

As the flames from the two burning cars became brighter the rescuers were enabled to work to better advantage. Luckily not a person was drowned, and it was not long before all had been accounted for, and were being cared for as well as possible.

A telegram to Thaver, Mo., 29 miles distant, brought a relief train in an hour or so, and the injured were taken to that city and placed in a hospital. The cause of the accident has not been ascertained, but it is thought some portion of the forward truck of the smoker gave way. This will not be known positively till the truck, which is in the river, has been recovered.

## STEAMBOAT BURNED.

The Anchor Line Steamboat Bluff City Burned at Chester, Ill.

CHESTER, Ill., Nov. 19 .- The steamboat Bluff City, of the Anchor line, was burned at her wharf at 9 a. m. She had 40 passengers, mostly yellow fever refugees returning home, on board. They and the crew all escaped.

The Bluff City was the finest steamer on the lover Mississippi. She was built at the Howard ship-yards in Jeffersonville, Ind., and had been in commission only since last Felruary. She was valued at \$55,000 and insured for \$35,000. She was the newest and most expensive boat in the Anchor line.

HANGED AT DAYBREAK.

Tom Johnson, Who Murdered "Chronicle Red" at St. Louis, Executed. St. Louis, Nov. 19.-Tom Johnson. alias Henry Clay, the segro murderer of William Amend, a newsboy, better known as "Chronicle Red," was hanged

at daybreak. Three hundred officials, newspaper men and morbid curiosity seekers wit nessed the execution. The condemned man walked to the gallows with a firm step, and the execution went off without any sensational features. Johnson's neck was not broken.

The Cowardly Mongolians Fled When th Germans Landed COLOGNE, Nov. 19 .- The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Berlin giving further details of the landing German sailors and marines Kia Chau bay, province of Shan Siun, China, on Monday morning last. The Germans, it now appears, found the place been made as a result of the revival occupied by 5,000 Chinese troops armed with the Prussian Jaeger rifles and having with them 14 Krupp field guns. The Chinese fled, and the Germans entering the fortifications hauled down the Chinese flag and hoisted the GerRELEASED AT LAST.

The Orew of the American Ship

Given in Custody of Gon. Lee-They a Permitted to Go Free on Condition the They Return to Cubs no More—The Capture and History of the Case.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The state de partment was informed on Monday that the Competitor prisoners had been turned over to Gen. Lee. Secrecy regarding the release was maintained, at the request of the Spanish authorities, in order to avoid hostile demonstrations in Havana. It was feared that if the amnesty became known before the men were sent out of the country the ultra-Spanish element in Havana might re-

sent it. It is not doubted here that the prisoners are liberated on some such conditions as were imposed in the case of former prisoners, that is, that they

will not return to Cuba. After their bitter experience in the Cuban jails, it is not believed here that the men will be disposed to violate any understanding of this kind to which they may be party. It is singular that the men should have been four days in the custody of Consul General Lee without the fact having become generally known, and it is supposed that secrecy was observed in order to insure departure from Havana without exciting trouble from the extreme conservative Spanish faction. There were four prisoners, namely: Alfredo Laborde, the captain of the Competitor, a native of New Orleans; William Gildea, the mate, a naturalized citizen; Ona Melton, who claims Kausas as his native state, and who went on the Competitor in the capacity of a newspaper correspondent, and Charles Barnett, of British birth, but who claimed the protection of the United States government by virtue of his sailing on an American vessel.

The conditions under which the Com-

petitor was captured April 27, 1896, off the Cuban coast, while engaged in landing stores for the insurgents have been often described. The defense of the men was that they were forced into the expedition against their will by the insurgent party on board the vessel. They were tried by a naval court-martial, before which they could make only a poor showing, principally because of their ignorance of the Spanish lan-guage, in which the proceedings were conducted, so that their conviction and the imposition of the death sentence was not a matter of surprise. At that point, however, the case assumed diplomatic importance. Our government. through its consul general at Havana then Ramon O. Williams, and also through Minister Taylor at Madrid. interposed an energetic protest against the execution of the sentence, claiming that the men were improperly tried without the guarantees held out protest caused the removal of the case to the higher judicial authorities at Madrid, by whom a new trial was ordered. The Spanish government, however, did not, and has not yet conceded that the Cushing protocol applied to such cases. To admit that would, in the opinion of the Spanish authorities, greatly stimulate the fitting out of filibustering parties in the United

The trial had been ordered by the Madrid supreme court on the ground of irregularities in the original trial, not because of any concession of the soundness of the objections interposed by the United States officers. It was to have begun last Monday and it is thought would result in the imposition of the death sentence again. This would have provoked an explosion in this country according to the anticipations of the department officials, that would have been hardly less violent than the feeling caused by the famous Virginius episode; so it is to them a matter of satisfaction that the Spanish queen has cut the diplomatic tangle by the pardon of the men before the second trial.

Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister had a long conference with Assistant Secretary Day yesterday morning and it is believed that the Spanish government is voluntarily about to remove another troublesome factor from the field of negotiations in revoking the decree prohibiting the exportation of tobacco from Havana. This prohibition has worked hardship on large American eigar-making interests, and up to this time all efforts of the state department to secure any amelioration of the harsh conditions of the decree have been unavailing. The reason set up by Gen. Weyler for the order was the necessity of keeping in Havana the supply of tobacco necessary to run the domestic cigar factories and thus, by giving employment to workmen, keep them from drifting away into the insurgent ranks. t was a matter of common report, however, that another potent reas was a desire to cripple the Cuban cigar makers in the United States from

whom the insurgents drew fouds. It now seems probable that the decree soon will be vacated. Reports that come to Washington are to the effeet that the new crop of tobacco that will be ripe in February next is of excellent quality and amounts to fourfifths of an average crop. Buyers for foreign consumers are already in the field looking over the plantations.

WEYLER AT CORUNNA.

The Whole Town Turns Out to Do Hon or to the Butcher,

CORUNNA, Nov. 19 .- Every craft of every description was chartered yes-terday to convey individuals, societies and clubs to the Montserrat. A number of deputations went on board the vessel. The commandant of Corunna had a brief interview with Gen. Wey-ler simply conveying him the desire of the queen regent and the government to receive him as speedily as possible at Madrid. Gen. Weyler did not go on

Alleged Spanish Victory.

HAVANA, Nov. 19.—It is officially re ported that the combined forces under Col. Esteban, recently had an engagement with an insurgent force, under the leadership of Varano, at Mogote in the province of Pinar del Rio, with the result that the insurgents were put to flight, leaving 21 of their num-ber deadon the field. Among the slais were the leader Torrean and the insur-gent prefect of Calaira, Montes de

The Spanish force esptured a city of arms and ammunition and destroyed the insurventy case.

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